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SUBJECT: Some Basic Legal Documents on Port of Basra: British Military Proclamation and Notification of 1919

On November 9, 1959, in response to the reporting officer's request, the Foreign Office gave the Embassy single photostat copies of a Proclamation by Major-General MacMunn, then Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of Occupation in Iraq, dated October 8, 1919 and entitled "Port of Basrah", and a Notification by the same authority on the same date headed "Limits of the Port of Basrah". According to the Foreign Office official who supplied these documents, the British Consulate in Basra reported that these instruments still constitute "the charter of the Port of Basra."

The photostat copies are enclosed for the Department.

For the Ambassador:

Grant V. McClanahan
First Secretary of Embassy

Enclosure:

Photostat copies of British Army of Occupation in Iraq Proclamation and Notification of 1919

Copies sent to: Baghdad, Basra, Khorramshahr, Tehran (all without enclosures)

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